

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
BOARD OF EDUCATION STANDARDS OF QUALITY COMMITTEE  
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

**MINUTES**

May 27, 2009

The Board of Education Standards of Quality Committee met at the James Monroe State Office Building, Jefferson Conference Room, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Richmond, Virginia, with the following members present:

Dr. Mark E. Emblidge, President

Dr. Ella P. Ward, Vice President

Mrs. Eleanor Saslaw, Committee Chair

Dr. Thomas M. Brewster

Mr. David L. Johnson

Mr. K. Rob Krupicka

Dr. Virginia L. McLaughlin

Mrs. Isis M. Castro

Dr. Patricia I. Wright

Superintendent of Public Instruction

Mrs. Saslaw, committee chair, presided and called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE STANDARDS OF QUALITY**

The following groups were invited to provide comments regarding revisions to the Standards of Quality. Following is a list of each group and the spokesperson who provided comments:

**Virginia Association of School Superintendents (VASS)**

Dr. Milton Liverman, President of VASS and Division Superintendent, Suffolk City Public Schools

Dr. Philip Worrell, Division Superintendent, Greensville County Public Schools

**Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA)**

Mr. Stuart Gibson, President

**Virginia Education Association (VEA)**

Dr. Kitty Boitnott, President

**Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals (VAESP)**

Mr. Jim Baldwin, President

**Virginia Association of Secondary School Principals (VASSP)**

Mr. Larry Lenz, President and Principal, Essex High School

**Virginia Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development (VASCD)**  
Ms. Anne Etchison, Executive Director

**Virginia Parents Teachers Association (VAPTA)**  
Mrs. Stella Edwards, Chair, Education Committee

**Virginia Municipal League (VML)**  
Mrs. Mary Jo Fields, Director of Research

**Virginia Association of Counties (VACO)**  
Mr. Mike Edwards, Deputy Director for Legislative Affairs

The public was also invited to provide comment. One comment was received.

**Virginia First Cities Coalition**  
Ms. Kelly Harris-Braxton, Executive Director

A link to copies of the written comments provided by the speakers may be found on the Virginia Department of Education Standards of Quality Web page at <http://www.doe.virginia.gov/boe/quality/index.shtml>.

Following the speakers, Mrs. Saslaw announced that the committee would be holding two more public comment meetings, on June 24 and July 22. She also announced that four public hearings would be held around the state and that comments would also be received at the regularly scheduled monthly Board of Education meetings.

A question was asked about the Board's contract with a vendor to assist with the review of the SOQ. Mrs. Anne Wescott, Assistant Superintendent of Policy and Communications, explained that in order to benefit from research and analysis from an objective third party, a contract was in process with a vendor to assist with data collection and the preparation of the report.

Board member, K. Rob Krupica, noted his appreciation for the comments that were received, but stated that the Board needs more specific recommendations regarding what needs to be changed and why.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business of the Board of Education Committee on the Standards of Quality, Mrs. Saslaw adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.